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This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of November 6, 2003. The three month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire February 6, 2004. A petition for a 1-month extension of time and requisite fee are submitted herewith extending the period for response to March 6, 2004.

It is initially noted that claim 88 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.